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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshifusa TOGAWA et al.

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For: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RESOURCES USED AMONG GROUPS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on April 29, 2002. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to July 1, 2002 (June 29, 2002 being a Saturday). Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by July 1, 2002.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please **REPLACE** claims 1, 27, 30, 33 and 34 as follows.

GROUP 3600

1. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A system managing resources allocated to groups of workers that carry out jobs using computers, said system comprising:

a resource manager that stores groups of workers and assigns resources of jobs to the groups of workers, each resource being further allocated for use by workers of the group in performing each job to be carried out by the group, and permission information provided for each resource;

a job monitor that monitors the jobs carried out by the groups, maintains the security of the resources assigned to the groups using the permission information, and for a first group